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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MO, US
SUBJ: U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO

REF: BISHOP/ANDERSON LETTER OF MAY 12

1. WE HAVE NOTED THAT ATTACHMENT TO YOUR LETTER STATES THAT APPROVALS FOR NEW ARMS TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED PENDING CLARIFICATION OF MOROCCO'S POSITION ON THE USE OF U.S.-FURNISHED WEAPONS IN THE SAHARA AND MAURITANIA.

2. ABOVE APPEARS FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT TO BE A CASE OF BUREAUCRATIC CREEP, FOR WE HAD UNDERSTOOD SUSPENSION APPLIED ONLY TO WEAPONS WE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE MIGHT BE USED IN THE SAHARA AND/OR MAURITANIA BECAUSE OF THEIR CHARACTERISTICS; WHAT WE ARE TOLD BY THE MOROCCANS; OR WHAT WE SURMISE ON OUR OWN. AMONG OTHER PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF SUCH CREEP IS INCREASED DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING GOM REQUESTS UNDER FMS FOR FY 77 AND 78.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.
ANDERSON

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